

Fuel Distribution Wheels Are Started By Government

Industrial Centers with Lean Stocks to Be Given Preference—Washington More Hopeful, and Sees Passing of Crisis—Tomorrow's Parley Awaited.

Washington, July 31.—The government machinery for emergency distribution of coal swung into gear today as the general committee here, with Henry B. Speaker, federal fuel distributor, as head, began active functioning under the program devised to supply coal to industrial centers and to maintain fair price levels at the mines.

The distribution program went into effect, increase production was shown in reports of the geological survey for the week ending Saturday, the estimated total being 3,900,000 tons as compared with 2,700,000 tons the week previous. Production of anthracite was said to remain at "practically zero." Stating there "was no evidence of increased production" in response to the invitation to reopen mines in strongly organized districts, the report said more coal was coming out of the former nonunion fields. Pennsylvania was said to increase in several other districts.

Washington Hopeful.

Washington, July 31.—Confidence prevailed generally in cabinet circles today that this week—thirteenth of the nation's coal strike—will see the passing of the grave industrial crisis which has kept the country in a ferment of uncertainty and anxiety.

Tomorrow is expected to see the week-up of the paralyzing strike with the executives of 143 railroad systems meeting in New York and leaders of 3,000,000 striking shopcraft workers meeting in Chicago to vote upon acceptance of President Harding's peace proposals.

Acceptance of the President's program by labor will be prompt. The leaders already have agreed to it. In the meeting of the railway executives meeting in Chicago to vote upon acceptance of President Harding's peace proposals, it is none the less certain, according to administration spokesmen in a position to know. They anticipate a short sharp fight against the White House program by the small group of "bitter enders" among the executives, and then the acceptance of the program by a majority of the railroad presidents acting as a unit. Not later than Thursday morning, perhaps Wednesday morning, the administration officials expect to see the

OUTLOOK BRIGHT FOR SETTLEMENT

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peace policy, the group that rejects it would face full responsibility for continuation of the rail strike and all that might result therefrom.

Expect R. O. Opposition.

The union leaders, however, expressed the belief that the peace plan would meet with the strongest possible opposition from railroad executives attending Tuesday's meeting in New York at the call of T. Dewitt Cuyler. They expressed the belief that the President's plan would be accepted finally, but only after a bitter struggle based on the refusal of many roads to consent to the restoration of seniority privileges to the strikers.

A member of the Labor Board asserted, however, that the general outlines of a settlement had been agreed to last week at conferences between President Harding and Cuyler. "If peace had not been in sight on both sides, neither would have consented to the separate meeting to consider a peace policy submitted by the President of the United States because neither could afford to be placed in the position before the public of bearing the responsibility for continuation of the walkout through rejecting the President's plan." The seniority issue which arose after the beginning of the strike, he declared, was not as formidable as it appeared at first sight. One of the plans under consideration, he said, would return seniority privileges and seniority rights to the strikers, but would rank them on a "show lists."

SHOPCRAFT LEADERS ARRIVE IN CHICAGO

Chicago, July 31.—Ninety men, constituting the policy committee of the Federated Railway Shopcraft Union, began arriving here today for the conference tomorrow morning at which labor's attitude toward President Harding's plan for settlement of the rail strike will be decided.

Belief was current today that the unions will vote acceptance of the plan. E. M. Jewell, head of the shopcrafts, has declined to predict the action of the policy committee or to reveal the details of the plan but statements by other union leaders gave strong indication that the shopcraft leaders are favorable to the proposed terms of settlement.

Agreement Predicted.

Forecasts that the shopmen will agree to a basis for ending the strike gained weight through a statement made by A. O. Wharton, labor member of the United States Railway Labor Board and former head of the shopcrafts union. Wharton led the minority of the Labor Board which dissented to the recent wage awards that brought on the strike.

If either the railroad executives' meeting in New York tomorrow, said Wharton, "or the shopcrafts officers' meeting in Chicago should reject Mr. Harding's peace proposal, that group will shoulder full responsibility for the continuation of the railway strike and all that may result therefrom."

Wharton's statement was taken as an indication that the shopcraft leaders were ready to accept the plan, thus favoring the burden of responsibility for prolonging the strike upon the railroads. If the carriers should decline to accept the peace terms.

There was a strong undercurrent of belief that the roads will accept the plan "under protest." Local railway officials indicated today that there was a "trend toward settlement."

Ben W. Hooper, chairman of the Labor Board, was in Washington today. It is understood he was summoned by the President and it is believed there that modification of the Labor Board's resolution branding the strikers as "outlaws" might be one result of the conference.

DROWNS IN RIVER DIVE TO ACQUIRE FUNDS FOR LIMB

Memphis, Tenn., July 31.—Edward Powell, a negro, with but one leg, staged an exhibition dive from the center of the Hannan bridge over the Mississippi river, yesterday, as a means of raising a fund to buy an artificial limb. He appeared on the surface of the water for a moment after the dive and then disappeared.

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RELIEF SENT 400 ON GROUND BOAT

Montreal, July 31.—The excursion steamer Rapids Prince, with 400 passengers on board, was still fast today on the rocky ledge of the St. Lawrence river, while shooting the rapids in the St. Lawrence river. Steamship officials expected to transfer the passengers to another ship. A relief boat carrying breakfasts for crew and passengers was dispatched to the stranded steamer at dawn.

FIRST FRUITS OF PERSONAL TAX DRIVE 156 PAY MONEY IN

First fruits of Tax Collector Edward A. Drew's personal tax drive were reaped today when \$312 in personal tax arrears were paid in by 156 delinquents. Tax Collector Drew stated today that if the returns came in as good as they came in today and last week there would be no need for prosecution on the part of the city. It was estimated that more than 500 people paid their personal taxes last week.

DIED.

MAYER.—In this city on Sunday July 30, 1922, Gustave August Mayer, aged 55 years, 3 months 12 days. Funeral service will be held from the mortuary chapel of H. J. Hanks, 314 Fairfield avenue, on Tuesday, August 1st at 2 p. m. Burial in Mountain Grove cemetery.

HUGHES.—In this city suddenly Monday July 31, 1922, Frank J. Hughes in his 74th year. Funeral service will be held at his late home 38 Washington Avenue on Wednesday August 2, at 4 o'clock. Burial in Lakeview Cemetery.

BUCHANAN.—In this city Sunday August 1, 1922, Louis Buchanan, aged 45 years. Funeral services will be held at his late home 744 William Street on Tuesday August 1 at 3 o'clock. Burial in Lakeview Cemetery.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT, District of Bridgeport, ss. Probate Court, July 31, 1922.

Estate of FRANCIS LABRECQUE, late of Bridgeport, in said District deceased. The Administratrix having made application for an order authorizing her to sell certain real estate belonging to said estate, as per said application on file duly appears.

Ordered, that the said application be heard and determined at the probate Office in Bridgeport on the first day of August, 1922, at 2 o'clock in the forenoon, and this Court directs said Administratrix to give notice to all persons interested in said estate to appear, if they see cause, and be heard thereon, by publishing this order once in a newspaper having a circulation in said district, all on or before the first day of August, A. D. 1922, and return make to the Court of notice given.

Attest PAUL L. MILLER, Judge.

USE TIMES WANT ADS FOR BEST AND QUICKEST RESULTS

BUCHANAN SUICIDE STILL REMAINS A MYSTERY

No reason has yet been advanced for the act of Louis Buchanan, 45 years old, who was found dead yesterday in an attic room of his home at 744 William street. Death was caused by illuminating gas poisoning.

Buchanan had appeared in the best of spirits when with his parents he went to Lordship bench on Saturday afternoon. I the evening the party returned from the shore and when the other members retired he expressed the desire to take a walk and smoke. According to a statement made by his mother, he came into his room later in the evening.

When the deceased did not appear for breakfast about 9 o'clock a member of the family went to his room and found the door closed. The coverings on the bed had not been disturbed. Immediately a thorough search of the house was started and continued until the body of the dead man was found in the attic room. All the doors and windows were found to be tightly closed and a carpet had been stuffed in the space between the door and the floor. A finding of suicide was made by Medical Examiner Samuel Garlick.

Buchanan was inspector of machines at the Singer Manufacturing company and has been a widower for about 10 years. He is survived by his parents, one brother, Frederick Buchanan, and two sisters, Mrs. Edith Kenney of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mrs. Howard Ayer of this city.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home. Interment will be made in Lakeview cemetery and Rev. Donald Green of St. John's Episcopal church will officiate.

NEW TRUCK FOR WORKS

Requisition for the purchase of a Reo speed wagon to be used by the Public Works department was filed with Clerk Frank Green of the Board of Contract and Supply today. Thursday's meeting of the Board of Apportionment \$1,575 was appropriated for the purchase. The new auto truck will be used principally in sewer construction work.

F. J. HUGHES, 73, EX-ASSESSOR, DEAD

With the death today of F. J. Hughes of 38 Washington avenue, came to an end the career of a former prominent public official and figure in Bridgeport. Mr. Hughes was in his 73rd year.

For 17 years Mr. Hughes was a member of the board of assessors here and for many years he was its president. Previously, he occupied a seat in the Common Council, when city government was operated on the bicameral plan with the Board of Aldermen and Common Council as separate chambers. He was active as a Republican and was high in the party councils for many years.

ICE MEN HERE GO OUT ON STRIKE

The helpers working for The City Ice & Coal Co. of this city, went on strike today. Business of the company is impeded and the manager of the company, Harry Husted, could not be reached to inquire as to the reason for the strike.

DUNIGAN SEEKS JUSTICE.

City Clerk Francis P. Dunigan is in Sheffield, Mass., today to attend the court hearing which will place the responsibility for the accident he was in last Sunday. The accident occurred while Mr. Dunigan's car was at a standstill. None of his family were badly injured but his car was completely wrecked.

Assistant City Clerk James J. Whelan returned to work at the City Clerk's office today after a week's illness as the result of having been struck in the head with a pitched baseball while playing baseball at Seaside Park last Monday.

Henry Uhle, Jr., 503 Eight avenue, continued until August 1; August L. Phalen, 22 East 40th street, forfeited his license; Henry H. Baker, of 42 West 40th street, continued until Tuesday; and Benjamin Strack, 543 Seventh avenue. The men were all from New York city and the charges against them was reckless driving.

CITY COURT NEWS

The cases of 20 motorists who were arrested during the week-end for violation of motor laws were disposed of in the City court this morning as follows:

Antonio Esposito, 55 Chestnut street, New Haven, speeding on Stratford avenue, fined \$10. Esposito explained that his baby was sick and he was hurrying home to it; Ernest Roth, 1340 Fairfield avenue, driving without a license, fined \$1; Joseph Valentine, 85 Branch street, arrested on warrant, failure to answer auto parking summons, \$2; John Howell, 127 Black Rock avenue no operator's license, \$1; William Slattery, 41 Maiden Lane, parking on the wrong side of the street, \$1; Stephen Ferrucci, Mill Plain, Waterbury, reckless driving, improper muffler, forfeited bond of \$25; Irving Fisher, 501 West 176 street, New York, speeding on Connecticut avenue, \$10.

Anna Burr of Stratford, Mary Hathway of 121 George street and George Stroud, colored, of 55 Frank street were arrested yesterday on the complaint of Stroud's wife after her husband had been absent from home all night. When the cases were called in the city court this morning all three were discharged.

Arrested last night in Trumbull after they had attacked and soundly thrashed Constable Stanley Bouton of that town with his own club, Carmine Goro of 62 Lexington avenue, and Antonio Montanaro of 158 Calhoun avenue, this city, were held at local police headquarters overnight and were paroled this morning in the custody of their counsel, Judge Thos. H. Coughlin. They were taken to Trumbull where they were fined \$5 and costs each on two counts of breach of the peace and assault.

Jacob Eber, 16 Dewitt street, New Haven, driving 40 miles an hour on Connecticut avenue, \$10; Samuel Pettijohn, 643 North avenue, no license, \$2 and costs; Albert Gloner, 1587 State street, parking on the wrong side of the street, \$1; William Plude, 138 Wood avenue, parking on the wrong side, continued until Tuesday; John Gastola, 344 Bostwick avenue, reckless driving, nolle pro payment of \$20.

PRODUCE STOLEN.

One bushel of apples, two bushels of potatoes and fifty ears of corn delivered to the Stratford avenue bridge float for P. C. Gillette of 20 Post Office Arcade were reported stolen to the police yesterday.

LAWRENCE TEXTILE STRIKE ENTERS NINETEENTH WEEK

Boston, July 31.—(By the A. P.)—The textile strike in Lawrence, in its nineteenth week, today, appears to have settled into a grim test of endurance. Mill owners and operatives alike have announced that they would maintain ground to the "bitter end" and neither side appears to show signs of weakening.

Lawrence because of the strike and because of the closing down of the Arlington Mills is estimated at 18,000. Unlike their fellows in Rhode Island and New Hampshire, which preceded that of Lawrence by several weeks, Lawrence workers have not been generally organized and those affiliated with unions are split among three organizations, the United Textile Workers of America, the One Big Union, and the American Federation of Textile operatives. In several instances compromise offers have been made by mill heads to their former employees but all were turned down. The strike has entered its nineteenth week.

The long period of idleness is having an effect on business. Stores are feeling the pinch and relief organizations and calls for assistance are increasing. Public sympathy appears to be strongly with the strikers. The city council has gone on record on several occasions as favoring their cause.

Coroner Phelan to Atlantic City for K. of C. Convention

Coroner John J. Phelan left for Atlantic City today where he will attend the convention of the Knights of Columbus which opens August 1. Deputy Coroner Henry C. Stevenson of this city will take the coroner's place.

PERSONALS

Vacationists at City Hall are coming and going this week. Miss Jane Anderson, clerk in the City Clerk's office, left for a two weeks' stay in the Catskills today. Assistant Tax Collector Kenneth J. Griffin returned today from a two weeks' stay in the Catskills. Miss Mary Condon, clerk in the Board of Contract and Supply, returned from a vacation spent in the White Mountains. Miss Marie Vance, typist in the tax office, returned from a two weeks' rest.

Children Left Alone Play with Matches, Set Home on Fire

Leaving her two children locked securely in their home when she left this morning to do some shopping, Mrs. J. Spinall of 17 Green street returned about 8:30 to find large clouds of smoke rising from the bedroom occupied by the children. Shortly after the departure of the mother one of the children went to the matchbox and securing a quantity of matches returned to the bedroom. Careless handling of the matches by the children caused the mattress to catch fire.

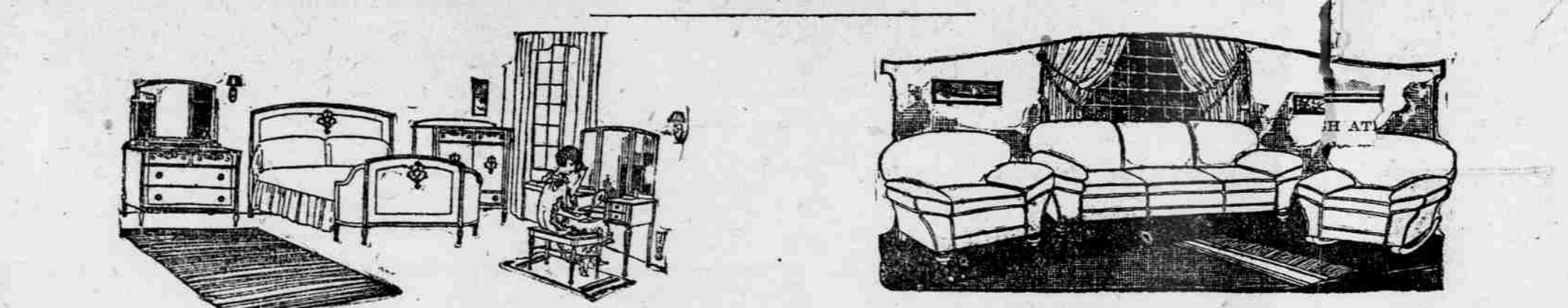
The screams of the children attracted the attention of neighbors who rang in an alarm for the fire department. The damage is estimated at \$100.

UNDER OBSERVATION

Joseph Fusco, 18 years old of 2265 Main street, was removed to Hillside Home for observation, by Dr. E. J. Alban of the Emergency hospital, upon complaint of Fusco's brother-in-law who said he was said to have threatened.

Furniture Sale at Buckingham's

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For Beauty as well as for Duty, Pleasure, Comfort and Satisfaction for an attractive Living Room		
3 pc All-Over Tapestry Suite with Davenport in good wearing Tapestry, \$175.		\$139
3 pcs Tapestry, All Upholstered, \$285		\$219
3 pcs Mahogany Finish Frame Suite, Tapestry Upholstered, \$110.		\$ 79

Dining Room Furniture		
That Possesses Individuality		
9 pcs Fumed Oak, \$213		\$159
10 pcs Mahogany, Louis XIV Design, \$375		\$219
9 pcs Jacobean Oak Style and Finish \$295		\$229
9 pcs Walnut Queen Ann Style, 54 inch Top Table, \$500.		\$395

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